

# COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO PUERTO RICO ENERGY COMMISSION

IN RE: INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN FOR THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

**ORDER No.:** CEPR-AP-2015-0002

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, INTERVENORS AND *AMICI CURIAE* 

### ORDER AMENDING POLICY STATEMENT

On July 22, 2015 this Commission issued a Policy Statement that explained the mechanisms, tools, opportunities and applicable rules for the public to participate in an active, timely, informed, and responsible manner during the Integrated Resource Plan for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("IRP") assessment process. Given the most recent developments in this proceeding, specifically, the extension of time granted to PREPA to file an update to Volume V of the IRP, the Commission has decided to extend the deadline for filing petitions to intervene and *amicus* petitions established in the July 22 Policy Statement. In light of this determination, the Commission issues this Order Amending Policy Statement to modify the July 22 Policy Statement, by establishing the new deadlines for filing petitions to intervene and *amicus* petitions.

As we stated in the July 22 Policy Statement, the Commission calls upon the broader community in order to seek the participation and assistance of interested persons and groups in the vital task of assessing the IRP. Act 57-2014, as amended, known as the Puerto Rico Energy Transformation and RELIEF Act, establishes important energy public policy principles that the Commission must develop and implement. One of the tenets of this policy is the promotion and safeguarding of citizen and stakeholder participation in the proceedings before the Commission, such as the assessment of the IRP.¹ Furthermore, Act 57-2014 specifically requires citizen and stakeholder participation in the IRP assessment procedure, by stating that "every [IRP] shall be devised with broad participation from citizens and other interested groups."

Based on Act 57-2014 mandates and the Commission's policy to encourage the participation and assistance of interested persons and groups in the IRP assessment process, the July 22 Policy Statement is amended as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, Section 1.2(o) of Act 57-2014, which provides: "Transparency and citizen participation in every process related to electric power service in Puerto Rico shall be promoted."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 1.3 (ee) of Act 57-2014.

### I. Intervention

### A) Petitions to Intervene

In light of the Commission's discretional authority under Section 3.02 (A) of Regulation 8594, known as the Regulation on Integrated Resource Plan for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, and the updated Volume V of the IRP filing deadline being September 30, 2015, any person having a legitimate interest in the IRP proceeding may file a written, duly grounded petition to intervene, on or before October 15, 2015.

### II. Amici curiae

# A) Amicus petition and brief

Every petition to participate as amicus curiae shall be accompanied by a brief and, for the purposes of the IRP procedure, shall be presented on or before November 3, 2015.

Under exceptional circumstances, however, and subject solely to its discretion, the Commission may allow and grant a petition to intervene or to participate as amicus curiae filed after the aforementioned dates.

Be it hereby notified and published.

Agustín F. Carbó Lugo

Chairman

Ángel R. Riveta de la Cruz

Associate Commissioner

José H. Román Morales

Associate Commissioner

I certify that the Puerto Rico Energy Commission has so agreed on August 3/2, 2015.

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### **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Order issued by the Puerto Rico Energy Commission. I further certify that today Quaust, 31, 2015, I have proceeded with the filing of this Order and I have sent a copy thereof to the:

## **Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority**

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For the record, I sign this in San Juan Puerto Rico, today August 31, 2015.